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Proposed Name [redacted]

1. Several weeks ago when you indicated that you would like a new name [redacted] you said that the Director wanted us to look into the history of Classical Greece and come up with some name that was appropriate, dignified and related to teaching. In pondering this problem, I have had further thought; and since this issue is not yet resolved, I would like to make a strong recommendation to choose a name out of our American heritage rather than out of a civilization so remote from our past.

2. We have developed a vigorous tradition and a motivation to defend the United States throughout our history. To me it seems fitting that we should choose a name which we can esteem as American and symbolizes some of our own passed efforts in this respect. Along these lines and in addition to our other duties, I have asked Miss [redacted] to do a little research. While this is still going on, one name emerges as being appropriate to the philosophy that I have put forward, and although the name is not necessarily pertaining to training or teaching, I do not regard this deficiency as disqualifying it in view of the pre-eminence of its place among our early struggle to achieve our independence. I, therefore, strongly recommend that you give favorable consideration to the name SARATOGA as a name for [redacted]. The fact that in 1778 the action of the American Forces against the British marked the turning point in the war which ultimately secured our independence makes it a proud and honored name for our endeavors.

3. If you deem it appropriate, we will continue to give you as many alternates as you may consider necessary from which to make a choice.

**SIGNED**

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